

NATIONAL GUARD

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RESULTS of the last annual inspection of the National Guard of the District of Columbia by both Maj. Harry Coope, inspector general, N. G. D. C., and Lieut. (junior grade) Harrison E. Knauss, U. S. N., inspector-instructor assigned to the local naval organization, were made known to the men last Thursday night by Commander Joseph A. Dempf, commanding the organization.

Both officers and men were marked excellent for their appearance in uniform, quickness in drill and promptness in responding to orders.

The report of Maj. Coope particularly commended the organization for the improvement it had shown during the past year, declaring that appearances at the annual inspection showed that every one was working for the betterment of the organization, and up to the date of the inspection were successful.

Commander Dempf, in commenting upon the report, declared that it was the best that the Naval Battalion had ever had. He complimented the men upon this report, and declared that it was they who were responsible for the good showing made and the fine impression made upon the inspecting officers.

While discussing the inspection report, Commander Dempf also took occasion to talk upon the present moral standing of the battalion, which, he said, could not be better. He declared that it had been a hard struggle for him to weed out the undesirable men, but that it had been done successfully. Some of the men had been allowed to remain, he said, but only upon the agreement that they would improve themselves. So far they had succeeded, he asserted, but if they fell once they would follow the others who had given up.

He made it plain that he would not have in the organization any men whose character was questioned. There are too many desirable men who have expressed a desire to enlist in the organization, and there is not room for the undesirable and drones.

He spoke of the few short drill nights that remained before the battalion leaves for Hampton Roads to board a battleship of the Atlantic reserve fleet for its annual practice cruise, and informed the men that they must be ready by Friday night, July 2. Any man who is not properly equipped by that time will not be permitted to leave Washington with the battalion, he asserted.

In order to allow the men time to get their white uniforms clean and to make other preparations, he declared that the drill nights between now and the time for leaving would be held at the barracks, and that the men must be ready to go at a moment's notice.

Efforts are being made by Commander Dempf to have the Navy Department give the men of the organization four days liberty at New York City instead of only two days at New York and two at Newport, R. I. He declares that the four days will be necessary in order to see the metropolis.

During the week he wrote a letter to Capt. Bradham, commanding the militia of North Carolina, asking that officer if the proposal for a change in the schedule would be satisfactory to him. If Capt. Bradham's reply is favorable the request then will be forwarded to the Navy Department for action.

Should Capt. Bradham approve the request, the militia of North Carolina will be permitted to visit the district of Columbia and the two naval militia organizations.

Division officers of the battalion are sending out letters to hold up informing them that unless they appear next Thursday night with their full uniform equipment, they will be in violation and inform the officers whether or not they will be able to make the cruise they will not be permitted to.

Orders have been issued by the Navy Department requiring the men of the battalion to submit to the department not later than the morning of July 15 a statement of the number of men who will be present on the cruise, and the number of men who will be present on the cruise.

After that date no alterations will be permitted, it is declared.

Commander Dempf explained that under no circumstances will he permit men to leave Washington with the battalion whose names do not appear on the list submitted to the department the morning of the 15th.

Hammocks and mattresses were brought out of their storage place last Thursday night and now are being used by the men. The men are being served out of the barracks.

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SOME STATISTICS.

By Webster.



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The storm was trying its best—which meant its worst—to make a few records for Wednesday morning when two women came together outside an office building door.

The one who was fat and fine, with a fur stole that didn't in the least protect her couple of chins, stood under a store awning, while a chauffeur approached to "umbrella" her to the closed car at the curb. The other woman was a mere business person, who had spun out of a revolving door on her daily spree of coffee and sandwich.

"Why, good morning! Do come over and speak to me."

An awning, even when beautifully striped, is not an ideal nook for social discourse when the rain is coming down cats and dogs, still—one must consider the fat friend's of one's prosperity.

So, the mere business person waded over, said a word of greeting, mentioned the weather and was wading off.

"Why should you notice that it is cold and rainy? To me this is just a rainy day, you know. I'll be with you with the silver lining out."

"You are also wearing what used to be the exclusive property of a million fine sea and when it comes to an imagination like yours a car helps out a whole heap, doesn't it?"

"Oh, you pessimist! That's the worst of you business women; clever and all that, but so materialistic in your views."

know—because my eyes are open—that is his poor and friendless; and that having in her slave-time youth worked, without wages, for somebody's granfather, maybe yours or mine—neither you nor I have a right to let her go hungry. Also being blind, you can't see the want ad page of the Star posted on the wall. Well, I'm helpful, but you let me know me from being ignorant."

"Best of my heart, dear God, I thank you for my eyes."

If Bunyan had had a hand in this incident, he would start off like this:

"When I was in my hood had come to a certain Milestone, his companion, whose name was Youth, said unto him: 'So far have we come together, but no farther. I go.'"

Then Youth turned and went backward to a place of shadows called "Has Been Land." And Early Manhood was joined by another companion called "Maturity." And together they continued the way that Manhood was going—a pleasant road with only a farthest glimpse of that Turn of the Lane which must be followed by him who would follow the footprints of him who had named Old Age."

"Really, Ann, there's no reason you can't have all the fine clothes you want. You have no one but yourself. And a woman owes it to herself. But you workers are so saving. I suppose you've piled away a small fortune by this time."

"So am I! I haven't caught sight of it."

"Don't be so rash. You might have a minute for an old friend."

"Don't own my minutes. Sold them at so much per."

"You ridiculous thing, you! Well, dear, don't be a pessimist. Do as I do, and you'll be all the happier. When people come to you with their troubles say to them: 'There is no such thing as suffering or want. All is happiness.'"

"What would be the advantage of lying like that?"

"You don't understand, my dear. When you read a book I have, it would save you so much—"

"Meaning my bank account?"

"Listen at her. If I put a question of money, but of what I love to call soul-lift. It takes faith, but it will come to you if you will only close your eyes to all that is unlovely and see only those things which are beautiful."

"Sara! Blank, if I was to close my eyes it was just as well to advertise the

ARMY—NAVY.

Army Orders.

Commissions to officers, recently promoted, have been issued, as follows: Maj. Isaac Erwin, 3d Infantry; and Samuel V. Ham, 12th Infantry; Capt. Horace B. Sykes, 11th Infantry; George K. Wilson, 20th Infantry; Gerrit Van S. Quackenbush, 17th Infantry; and Sydney H. Hopson, 5th Infantry; and First Lieuts. Henry J. Weeks, 2nd Infantry; Roy A. Hill, 7th Infantry; Arthur E. Bouton, 9th Infantry; and Enoch B. Garey, 18th Infantry.

Capt. Conrad H. Lanza, 5th Field Artillery, is detailed for service in the Signal Corps, vice Capt. Dennis H. Currie, Signal Corps, who is assigned to the 5th Field Artillery.

Leave of absence for fifteen days is granted Maj. Edward A. Shattlesworth, 1st Infantry.

First Lieut. Taylor M. Reagan, 10th Cavalry, having been physically disqualified for promotion, will proceed to his home as soon as practicable to attend to his family.

Maj. Salmon P. Dutton, Quartermaster Corps, will proceed to San Francisco, Cal., to command first submarine division, Pacific torpedo flotilla and Alert.

Lieut. (junior grade) S. O. Grieg, from Naval Academy, to Prairie.

Lieut. (junior grade) Gerard Bradford, from works, Bethlehem Steel company, to navy yard, Washington, D. C.

Lieut. (junior grade) J. B. Glennon, from works of the Midvale Steel company, to works of Bausch & Lomb Optical company, Rochester, N. Y.

Lieut. (junior grade) J. C. Dutton, from works, Bethlehem Steel company, to works of the Carnegie Steel company, Munhall, Pa.

Lieut. (junior grade) Oscar Smith, from navy yard, Washington, D. C., to naval proving ground, Indian Head, Md.

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Lieut. (junior grade) R. K. Turner, from naval proving ground, Indian Head, Md., to works, Midvale Steel company, to work 25, 1915.

Ensign H. M. Kieffer, from receiving ship at New York, to McDougal.

Ensign G. A. McLaughlin, from receiving ship at New York, to L-1.

Ensign T. G. Berrien, from receiving ship at New York, to L-3.

Ensign J. E. Webb, from receiving ship at New York, to L-4.

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Ensign R. W. Day, from receiving ship at New York, to Erickson.

Ensign D. F. Patterson, from South Carolina, to Brooklyn.

Ensign E. B. Morrissey, from receiving ship at New York, to Fulton.

Acting Chaplain W. E. Anderson, appointed from May 25, 1915.

Naval Orders.

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France on Its Knees.

The little town where we reached the sun was high when we reached the little town where Gen. Foch, commander of the armies of the north, had his headquarters. The French flag flew at the doorway, a gendarme at one side of the door and a sentry at the other, denoted the headquarters of the staff. But Gen. Foch was not there at the moment. He had gone to church.

The building was near. Thinking that there might be a service, I went to see. It was a church, a stone church, almost covered by that virgin vine which we call Virginia creeper, I opened the leather-covered door and went quietly in.

There was no service. The building was quite empty. And the commander of the armies of the north, probably the greatest general the French have in the field today, was kneeling there alone.

He never knew I had seen him. I left before he did. Now, as I look back, it seems that the great general of the armies of the north, in that little church is typical of the attitude of France today toward the war.

It is a total and reverent attitude from the English—not more heroic, not braver, not more resolute to an end. But it is peculiarly reverent. The enemy is on the soil of France. The French are fighting for their homes, for their children, for their country. In this great struggle France daily, hourly, on its knees, asks for help.

No Tantrums.

From Judge.

"Managers say the grand opera stars are more tractable than vasa devils."

It is well known that opera stars can be very untractable. A performer, for example, once refused to perform a piece of music because he was jealous of a trained seal.

Naval Movements.

The Yorktown arrived at Manzanillo, June 2; the Saturn at Mare Island, June 4; the Paul Jones at San Pedro, June 4; the Baller at Annapolis, June 4; the Texas at New York yard, June 4; the Dolphin at New York yard, June 4; the Nicholson at Newport, June 4; the Jackson and Neptune at Hampton roads, June 4; and the Pensacola and Downes at Boston, June 4.

The Nero sailed from Guaymas, June 4.

War Revivals.

The war is making France religious. The Roman Catholic Church and the Protestant churches are both feeling its effects. M. Jules Bois, novelist and dramatist, who is visiting this country, gave an interview on the "France Times." "It is the whole nation, every body, is united in a new religion. In the French revolution we Frenchmen fought and died for the religion of liberty. Now we fight and die for the religion of religion. Out there in the trenches men who never thought of religion before are becoming religious. A similar renewal of interest in religion is being shown in this country. The war has affected the whole world as it has never before been affected. The nations are no longer isolated, so that whatever happens to one people more or less influences the other. All the churches should take full advantage of the world thrill due to the war and press home upon the conscience, awakened as it is to serious thinking, the claims of God upon every man's life."

Italy on the Capitoline.

From the Richmond Virginian.

Italy has gathered on the Capitoline, that hill where more glorious feats of arms have been celebrated than any one spot in the world; that place where kings, Caesars, emperors, dictators, senators, all the vast audience of a Roman triumph, viewed the conquests of the world presented in triumphal procession. From a kingdom of Caesars to one of trait venders has been a far cry, but the latter day patriots have been no less sensitive to the heritage of the Capitoline. Modern Rome returned to the scenes of her greatness to prepare for another conflict. Led by her mayor, a prince of the reigning house, (how strange that a prince should bear also the title of mayor!) Rome turned out en masse to prepare for its new war.

From the Capitoline to victory is a long, hard, bloodstained road. When next the Italians gather there to celebrate a triumph, if triumph is theirs in the present war, it will be that of victory in a war greater, more immense, more savage, more overwhelming, more unjustifiable, more regrettable than anything the Caesars ever inaugurated or condoned.

During one flood of the Yangtszekiang, in China, 600,000 persons were drowned.

COAST GUARD CUTTER

RESCUES LEAKING SHIP.

Acushnet Gives Timely Aid to

Schooner Mary E. Pollard Off

New England Coast.

Recent Blow on Atlantic Coast Has

Given Cutters Much Work to

Do, Reports Say.

A report received from the commanding officer of the coast guard cutter Acushnet, on the Woods Hole, Mass., station, the only assistance reported received at coast guard headquarters in the past week, tells of the rescue of the schooner Mary E. Pollard from the schooner Pollock Rip, one of the treacherous shoals of Nantucket sound. The vessel had been carried on the shoal by the currents and blown off by a gale and when found by the Acushnet was leaking badly and in danger of sinking. The patrolling district of the coast guard station were about the schooner to help her crew at the pumps and on the arrival of the cutter several of her men were sent aboard the vessel to aid. The vessel was taken by the cutter to Vineyard Haven, where she was turned over to the insurance underwriters' agent to be repaired.

The recently heavy easterly blow on the south Atlantic coast has given the cutters work to do. Telegrams received from the department state that the cutter Seminole has gone to the aid of the three-masted schooner Carrie Strong of Portsmouth, N. H., which on a trip from Portland, Me., to Brunswick, Ga., went ashore on Frying Pan shoal, N. C. The schooner was in danger of being wrecked on the shoal, and the cutter was sent to the aid of the vessel, whose pilot is bad, though her crew are safe. Efforts will be made to save the vessel, but it is doubted if this can be done. Several other vessels are reported ashore in the patrolling district of the Seminole, and she has plenty of work before her to keep her busy for several days.

Aid for Stranded Schooner.

A telegram received from the commanding officer of the cutter Onondaga, at Norfolk, state that the cutter has gone to the aid of the schooner Dannekmilla, near Yorktown, Va. The message gave no details nor was the name of the schooner given. It is supposed she stranded during the gale of Wednesday last.

En route to the Arctic ocean, on her annual visit to the inhospitable regions in the vicinity of Point Barrow, the coast guard cutter Bear has arrived at Nome, Alaska. The cutter will remain at Nome or in its vicinity until such time as ice conditions make it advisable to start for the Arctic. Just now the ice is very heavy and it is thought it will be about July 1 before the cutter will be able to force her way through the frozen masses.

In preparation for the annual practice cruise of the cadets from the Coast Guard Academy, at New London, aboard the cutter Itasca, Capt. Frederic D. Webb, U. S. N., will be at the academy. In the past week transferred most of the enlisted men from the school to the Itasca. Yesterday she started on the cruise, the first week or ten days of which will be spent in the vicinity of Block Island or in Gardners bay, Mass., to give the cadets an opportunity to accustom themselves to life on shipboard before going on the cruise. The port of call and several days will be spent there.

Lieut. Austin III.

A radio report received from the cutter Unalga, at Unalaska, Alaska, to the department here states that First Lieut. Frank L. Austin has been seriously ill aboard the cutter for the past ten days. It is recommended that Lieut. Austin be sent to the hospital and orders directing him to go to the hospital at Port Townsend, Wash., for observation and treatment have been forwarded.

Second Lieut. Le Roy Reinberg, from the cutter Onondaga, at Norfolk, and Second Lieut. R. C. Weightman, from the cutter Acushnet, at Woods Hole, Mass., were visitors to and registered at the department in the past week.



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